

March 8, 2005

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Glendale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, March 16, 2005 - 4:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (623) 930-2262, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
March 16, 2005**

		<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3.	<u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. Information.
4.	<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*4A.	<u>Approval of February 16, 2005 Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approve the February 16, 2005 meeting minutes.
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AIR QUALITY ITEM

*4B.	<u>Conformity Consultation</u> The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2004-	4B. For consultation.
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2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendment includes two City of Phoenix federally-funded safety projects for addition to FY 2005 (see attachment). The amendment includes new projects that are exempt from conformity determinations. The proposed amendment, as well as the consultation on the corresponding conformity assessment, are on the agenda for the March 9, 2005 meeting of the MAG Management Committee and the March 23, 2005 meeting of the MAG Regional Council. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by March 23, 2005. Please refer to the enclosed material.

TRANSPORTATION ITEM

- *4C. Amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to Add Two Phoenix Federally Funded Surface Transportation Program Hazard Elimination and Safety (STP-HES) Projects for FY 2005

At the beginning of March, the City of Phoenix was awarded, through the Federal Highway Administration, \$916,970 in Surface Transportation Program Hazard Elimination and Safety (STP-HES) funds for two safety projects to be obligated in FY 2005. The two projects are located at the intersections of Indian School Road at 67th Avenue and McDowell Road at 43rd Avenue and include street lighting, bus bays and paving improvements. These projects are exempt from air quality conformity requirements. To utilize this funding, the City Phoenix is requesting that two projects be included in the FY 2004-2007 TIP for FY 2005. This item is on the March 9, 2005 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 4C. Recommend approval of an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to add safety improvement projects at Indian School Road at 67th Avenue and McDowell Road at 43rd Avenue to FY 2005 utilizing STP-HES funding.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

5. Modifications to the MAG Regional Transportation Plan

As part of the process to develop the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the period FY 2006-2010, changes have been

5. Recommend inclusion of the proposed arterial project phase modifications in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan for air quality conformity analysis.

proposed regarding the phases in which certain projects in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) would be constructed. The proposed phase changes would be accomplished through funding provided by the jurisdictions proposing project advancements. These jurisdictions would be reimbursed for their funding in the phase in which the project was originally scheduled in the RTP. As required by State law, proposed RTP project phase modifications are distributed for agency consultation. This item is on the March 9, 2005 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Interim Draft of the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures

An Interim Draft of the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures has been developed through a series of workshops held with member agencies and other interested parties. The interim draft, revised as appropriate, will be brought through the MAG Committee process this month for information and discussion. Depending on comments received, the draft will be brought through the Committee process next month for acceptance. The interim draft will then serve to guide the development of one or more agreements with MAG member agencies for ALCP projects for the upcoming fiscal year. It is anticipated that the review and acceptance process will be repeated later this year for a final draft ALCP Policies and Procedures, developed after some practical experience has been gained working with MAG member agencies in applying the Interim Policies and Procedures in developing the initial agreements. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Information and discussion.

7. Information, discussion, and possible action.